**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**DEFENCE**
**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1963
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PENSION TO WAR WIDOWS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item `captioned War widow yet to receive pension` appearing in the Hindu, Delhi dated August 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in granting pension to the war widows; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite granting pension to war widows of the heroes of Operation Vijay?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case mentioned in the said news item does not pertain to battle casualty. Her husband was killed by his colleague in altercation. Accordingly, she was granted ordinary family pension. Subsequently, she filed an appeal against the award and on review, it has been decided to grant her special family pension. Orders to this effect have already been issued.

(c) There is no case for granting pension to war widows of the heroes of `Operation Vijay` pending with the Government except one case which is pending with the court.